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C O N F I D E N T I A L ABU DHABI 0963

1. DURING LUNCHEON MEETING WITH UAE FON MIN SUWAIDI JULY 21 HE AND I EXPRESSED OUR MUTUAL SORROW AT ASSASSINATION OF MUHAMMAD NUMAN, WHOM WE HAD BOTH LAST SEEN WHEN WE ALL HAD LUNCH TOGETHER HERE SHORTLY BEFORE NUMAN'S DEATH. I ASKED SUWAIDI WHAT IMPRESSIONS HE HAD OF SITUATION IN YEMEN AS RESULT OF RECENT VISIT TO ABU DHABI BY YEMENI COMMAND COUNCIL MEMBERS ABU LUHUM AND ABU SHAWARIB. SUWAIDI SAID MISSION OF THESE EMISSARIES HAD BEEN TO STRESS CONTINUITY OF POLITICAL TRANSITION IN YEMEN AND OF REGIME'S POLICIES WITH THOSE OF ITS PREDECESSOR. THEY EXPLAINED THERE HAD NOT REALLY BEEN COUP IN YEMEN, RATHER HAMDI HAD ONLY TAKEN OVER WHEN AL-IRYANI HIMSELF HAD ADMITTED INABILITY TO CONTINUE TO GOVERN. REGIME'S OBJECTIVE WAS DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND IT REALIZED THAT TO ACHIEVE THESE IT NEEDED SUPPORT OF ALL DOMESTIC FACTIONS AND ALSO OUTSIDE SUPPORT AS WELL. EMISSARIES EXPRESSED THEMSELVES FULLY SATISFIED WITH SAUDI ATTITUDE, SAYING SAUDIS HAD AGREED TO INCREASE AID TO YEMEN. YEMENIES HAD SAID PDRY NOT PRESENTLY MAKING TROUBLE FOR YAR, BUT THEY EXPECTED IT IN FUTURE. THDM APPEALED FOR UAE SUPPORT IN  
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EVENT OF YAR-PDRY CONFRONTATION.

2. COMMENT: SUWAIDI SEEMED GENERALLY PERSUADED BY YEMENI PRESENTATION, WHICH INCLUDED LETTER FROM HAMDI TO SHAIKH ZAYID. ONE OF PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF VISIT HERE WAS UNDOUBTEDLY TO MAKE SURE THERE WOULD BE NO INTERRUPTION IN AID WHICH UAE HAS ALREADY AGREED TO EXTEND TO YEMEN AND TO PAVE WAY FOR MORE. SUWAIDI DID NOT MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT INCREASE, BUT HE INDICATED ASSISTANCE ALREADY AGREED TO (SANAA-MARIB ROAD, ARMS, TV STATION, AND GRANTS FOR TEACHERS AND FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS) WOULD GO FORWARD.  
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